

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Children and Adolescents Served in School Based Programs

This week's PIP charts the growth of school based mental health services from 1995 through 1999. For this analysis we have defined school based services to include services reported to DDMHS with a school program code and/or a school cost center code.

This analysis was prompted by a request from the Agency of Human Services. Please remember that the Vermont Performance Indicator Project welcomes requests for information. We are particularly interested in suggestions for analyses that would be of interest to the large and diverse community of stakeholders that are impacted by the mental health service delivery system.

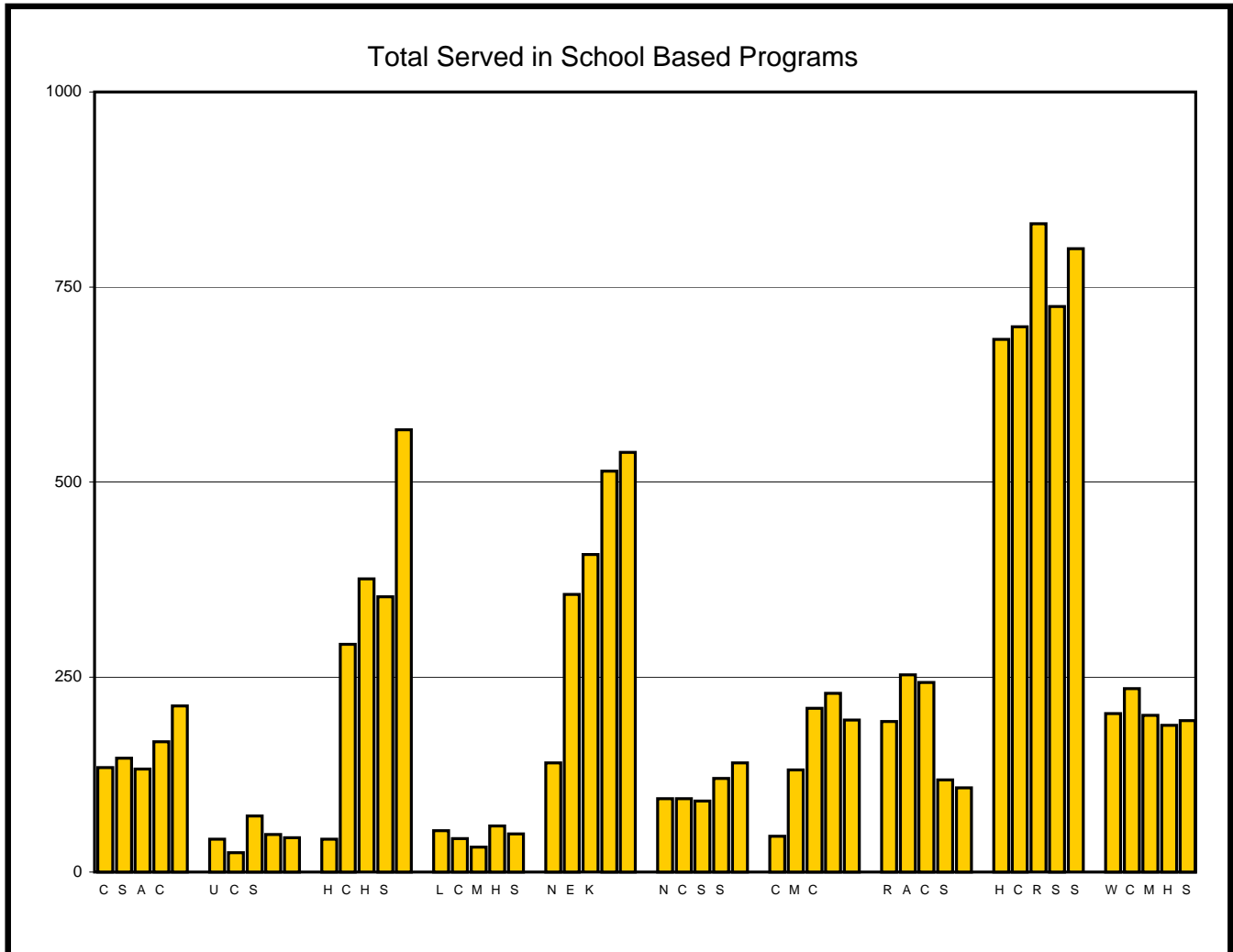
As you will see, there has been substantial growth in the number and proportion of CMHC Children's Services clients who receive school based services since 1995 (the first year for which school services were reported separately) from just over 1,600 children in 1995 to almost 2,850 in 1999. As a proportion of all children and adolescents served by Children's Services Programs, children served in school based programs has increased from 27% in 1995 to 38% in 1999. This growth was not experienced equally in all parts of the state, however. For 1999, the proportion of young people assigned to Children's Services programs varied from more than 60% in Southeastern Vermont and more than 50% in Northeastern Vermont, to less than 10% in Bennington and less than 20% in Rutland. Rutland is particularly notable for substantial decline in the proportion of young people who were served in school based programs from 35% in 1997 to 15% in 1999.

I look forward to your comments about the completeness and the accuracy of these data, your interpretation of the findings and any thoughts you may have about their implications for public policy. As always, you can reach me at jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us or 802-241-2638.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

STUDENTS SERVED IN SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

FY 1995 - FY 1999



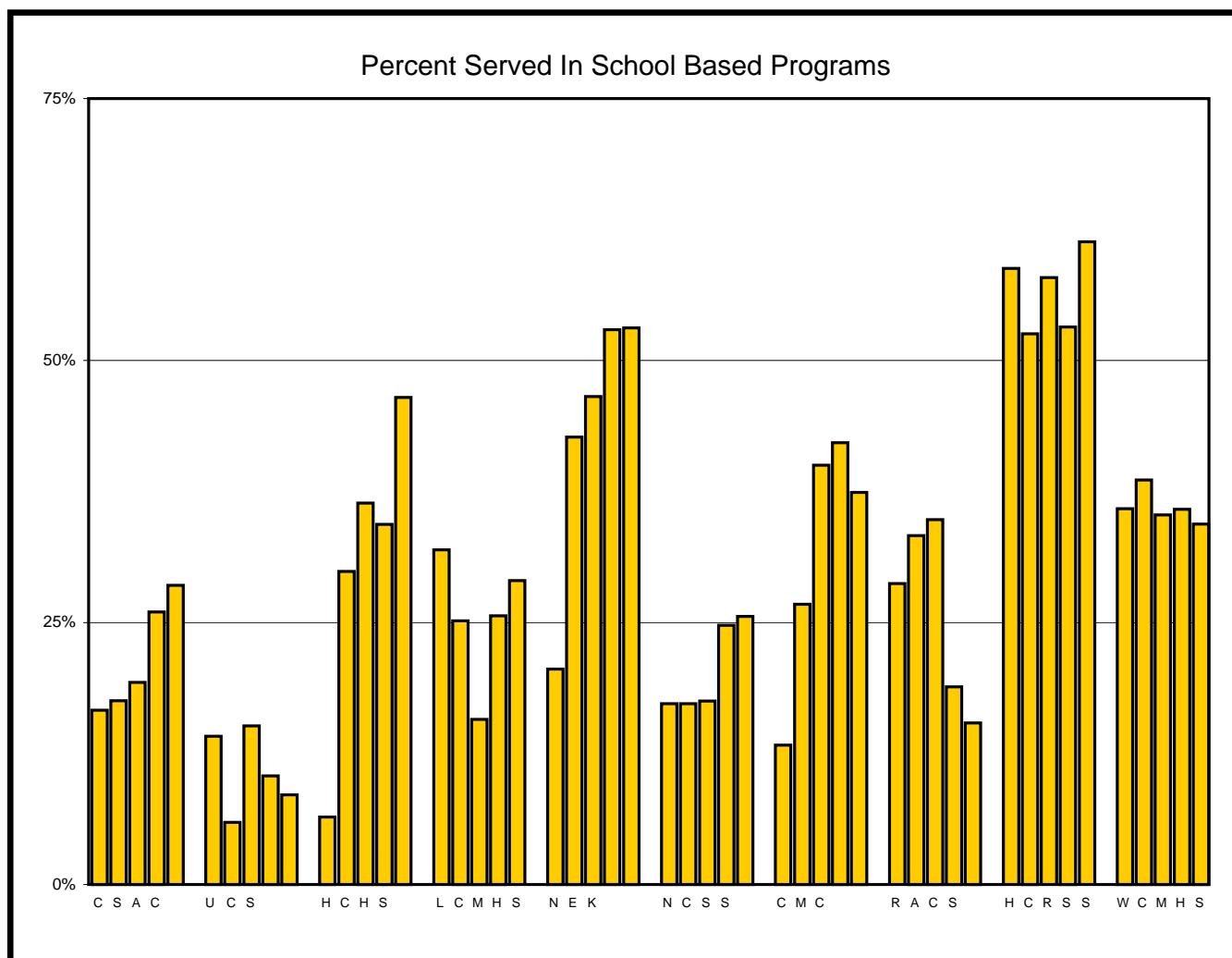
Region/Provider	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Addison - CSAC	134	146	132	167	213
Bennington - UCS	42	25	72	48	44
Chittenden - HCHS	42	292	376	353	567
Lamoille - LCMHS	53	43	32	59	49
Northeast - NEK	140	356	407	514	538
Northwest - NCSS	94	94	91	120	140
Orange -CMC	46	131	210	229	195
Rutland - RACS	193	253	243	118	108
Southeast - HCRSSV	683	699	831	725	799
Washington - WCMHS	203	235	201	188	194
Total	1630	2274	2595	2521	2847

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STUDENTS SERVED IN SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

FY 1995 - FY 1999



Region/Provider	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Addison - CSAC	17%	18%	19%	26%	29%
Bennington - UCS	14%	6%	15%	10%	9%
Chittenden - HCHS	6%	30%	36%	34%	46%
Lamoille - LCMHS	32%	25%	16%	26%	29%
Northeast - NEK	21%	43%	47%	53%	53%
Northwest - NCSS	17%	17%	18%	25%	26%
Orange -CMC	13%	27%	40%	42%	37%
Rutland - RACS	29%	33%	35%	19%	15%
Southeast - HCRSSV	59%	53%	58%	53%	61%
Washington - WCMHS	36%	39%	35%	36%	34%
Total	27%	32%	36%	35%	38%

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